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Dancing the night away

Skyline Dance Studio presented their Spring Showcase to the community at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Friday, March 22 and Saturday, March 23. Dancers of all levels performed solos, duets, trios, as well as competitive tap, jazz, ballet, and a Toy Story production line. All funds raised at the show will go towards portable ballet bars for the studio. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*

Measles becomes a concern provincially, locally

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Public health officials are keeping a watchful eye for measles in Ontario.

And that means a wariness for the local region as well.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) Health Unit's primary focus is the most vulnerable among us when it comes to measles cases reported in Ontario.

Dr. Natalie Bocking, medical officer of the local health unit, told the health unit's board when it met March 21 that those people who are most vulnerable are pregnant women and under-vaccinated children.

"Infection can be more serious for them and we do see hospital admissions associated with measles," she said.

According to Public Health Ontario, measles is a serious respiratory infection that is highly contagious. Individuals with measles spread the virus by coughing or sneezing into the air. It can also be transmitted by touching your eyes, nose, or mouth after touching an infected surface.

Symptoms of measles include fever, a red blotchy rash, red watery eyes, and cough.

Data as of March 13, indicates that there have been eight laboratory-confirmed cases of measles reported in Ontario.

In 2023, there were seven laboratory-confirmed cases of measles reported in Ontario.

Due to an increase in measles activity globally, Ontario has begun to see more cases of measles.

North America's last large measles outbreak happened when Quebec reported more than 700 cases in 2011. About 86 hospital admissions were associated with that outbreak.

"We know that this could happen so we just want to be prepared," she said.

For people who aren't certain about their vaccination status against measles, Bocking said most people born in 1970 are considered to be immune because of the likelihood they have been exposed to the virus at some point in their life already.

People born after 1970 were likely vaccinated at 12 months of age for their first dose and again between four and six years old.

If you're convinced you didn't have measles, the recommendation is that you get a dose of the measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine.

"Post-1970 birth, most people should have had two doses of MMR vaccine as part of their immunizations," Bocking said. "If you've only had one, we recommend that you have a second one."

A new weekly epidemiology report has been launched that informs public health officials of infection numbers throughout the province. Health Canada also resources and HKPR unit has an updated measles portal on its website.

Locally, there's also a dedicated telephone line people can call and ask questions about the measles.

In general, the public health officials are more worried about infants, young children, and pregnant women.

"We don't see measles tend to explode in the older population," she said. "We're focusing on kids in day cares, schools, where we would see the greatest threat.

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It's showtime!

Over 40 local dancers of all ages showed off their hard work from the 2023/2024 year at Skyline Dance's Spring Showcase this past weekend for three shows at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. All funds raised from the event will go towards portable ballet bars for the studio.
TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*

Well water testing continues through public health merger

JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Testing the water in residential wells will not be adversely affected by the merging of two public health groups.

Not yet, anyway. But there's a possibility the service will one day have a fee attached.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR) and Peterborough Public Health (PPH) announced Feb. 28 that their respective health boards approved a voluntary merger.

The boards still need to submit a joint voluntary merger application to the provincial government by April 2 for the amalgamation to become official.

The application will spell out how a proposed merger would benefit the communities they serve, while supporting outcomes and priorities identified for public health by the Ministry of Health.

One of the responsibilities that will not change despite the creation of the new public health entity will be the testing of well water, said Dr. Natalie Bocking, the medical officer of health for the HKPR unit.

She said that's one of the concerns she'd heard from the public since the possible merger was announced.

"There's a bit of confusion right now, I think, because there's two separate things that are happening," she said.

The health unit provides the bottles with which people will collect samples from their wells. And they receive those samples, she said.

But the HKPR unit doesn't do the required testing of those samples.

"We send the samples to Public Health Ontario laboratories," Bocking said. "There is no intent right now that a merger will impact at all the availability of what services the health unit is providing."

That refers to the distribution and receiving of water bottles.

"At the same time as this, the Public Health Ontario laboratories have an auditor general report that indicates they are looking at decreasing the number of laboratories available across the province," she said.

The question is whether or not the labs will continue to test private water samples for free or if a fee will be attached to the service, she said.

"Nothing has been approved by the province," Bocking said. "I don't know even whether a formal proposal has been submitted."

But the auditor general report has spawned concern the free service will stop at the lab level.

Wild night

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association hosted their annual sold-out Wild Game Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, March 23 the Haliburton Legion, giving attendees a chance to taste wild game and raise money for HHOA programs. /THOMAS SMITH Staff

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Xylazine: Another hazard in the street drug supply

JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Local public health officials are maintaining a focus with the Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland Drug Strategy on the ongoing drug poisoning crisis.

Dr. Natalie Bocking, the medical officer of health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge Health Unit, said monthly meetings continue for the strategy's steering committee.

The HKLN Drug Strategy supports safe environments that promote the health and resiliency of individuals, families, and communities, and reduces the harms and stigma associated with substance use.

The purpose of the drug strategy is to facilitate a collaborative, evidence-based approach to minimize the risks and harms associated with substance use in Haliburton County, City of Kawartha Lakes, and Northumberland County, including Alderville First Nation.

The drug strategy is a shared effort to mitigate harms related to substance use in a community.

It is one of 40 strategies across Ontario that have been implemented to respond to substance use-related harms and issues faced by people with experience, community members, service providers and health care systems.

Bocking told the public health unit's board March 21 that they've contributed to components of a needs and situational assessments.

"Part of that needs assessment has been a survey among individuals who use drugs," she said. "That survey is now closed."

More than 130 people participated in the needs assessment survey.

"Which is fantastic," she said.

The survey was implemented by public health partners who do outreach work with drug users.

"It wasn't implemented by health unit staff, but we are now supporting with data analysis," Bocking said. "And we'll be doing further work for a summary."

The survey was across the three regions served by the drug strategy.

Bocking said compiled and ready to share by this summer.

"The intent is that we are able to inform our response activities," she said. "Especially by those individuals that are significantly impacted by the use of substances."

Surveillance efforts continue and public health officials will issue alerts should there be an increase in the number of overdoses presenting at emergency departments or during ambulance and police calls.

There's also a pilot project in the works to distribute test strips for fentanyl and xylazine.

According to the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction, xylazine is a non-opioid pain reliever developed as a sedative and muscle relaxant for animals. It is being found as an additive to other drugs.

In combination with other sedatives like fentanyl, benzodiazepines, or alcohol, xylazine can increase the risk of overdose and death.

"Test strips individuals can use to check their drugs to see if fentanyl is present or if xylazine is present," said Bocking. "Test strips are a useful tool, but they don't indicate necessarily that the drug supply is safe."

It only indicates if one of those two substances is present.

"What we're seeing and learning from other places in Ontario, like Toronto, is that there are more and more other substances that are in the drug supply that are new and that are very, very potent, and that are leading to deaths," she said.

"And those substances are not detected by drug strips."

Bocking explained to the board that xylazine creates similar effects as fentanyl in that it leads to respiratory depression.

It also leads to another possible similar outcome.

"People might stop breathing," she said. "When people stop breathing, their heart stops. In a significant overdose it can lead to death."

Xylazine can't be reversed by naloxone because it isn't an opioid.

Fentanyl is certainly still a huge issue, Bocking said.

"But they're introducing more synthetic types of fentanyl that are stronger," she said.

Its strength is to the point where health professionals have had to administer as many as four or five hits of naloxone to counter the drugs' effects, she said.

"So we're recommending people carry multiple kits of naloxone," she said. "Just in case of the response."

Public health officials are concerned that they have seen drugs in the street supply mixed with both opiates and sedatives.

Xylazine was the substance found in the supply that led to 23 overdoses in less than two days in Belleville in early February. That city declared a state of emergency because of so many overdoses in a short time frame.

The new reality for public health officials and first responders is the fallout caused by a batch of street drugs that has the synthetic fentanyl or xylazine that's available to many people.

"Then you'll have multiple people that will overdose at the same time," Bocking said. "This is a different type of emergency preparedness."

The local health unit has taken to considering how to best respond to a situation similar to what happened in Belleville, she said.

While public health professionals aren't the ones to respond to an emergency situation, they're involved in the surveillance and coordination of community-wide response.

Preventative measures are just as important as harm reduction measures to keep people safe. It's a multi-pillared approach to a complex problem, she said.

"I think a lot of ongoing work will be needed with this," Bocking said. "The key is that the drug supply is continuing to be contaminated with other substances."

Hoppy spring
Madisyn Fisher poses with a pony and the Easter Bunny during Curry Chevorlet's annual Easter Egg Hunt in Haliburton on Saturday, Mar. 23. Attendees could join in for a morning of egg searching, face painting, and pictures with the Easter Bunny. /Photo by Nadine Melrose

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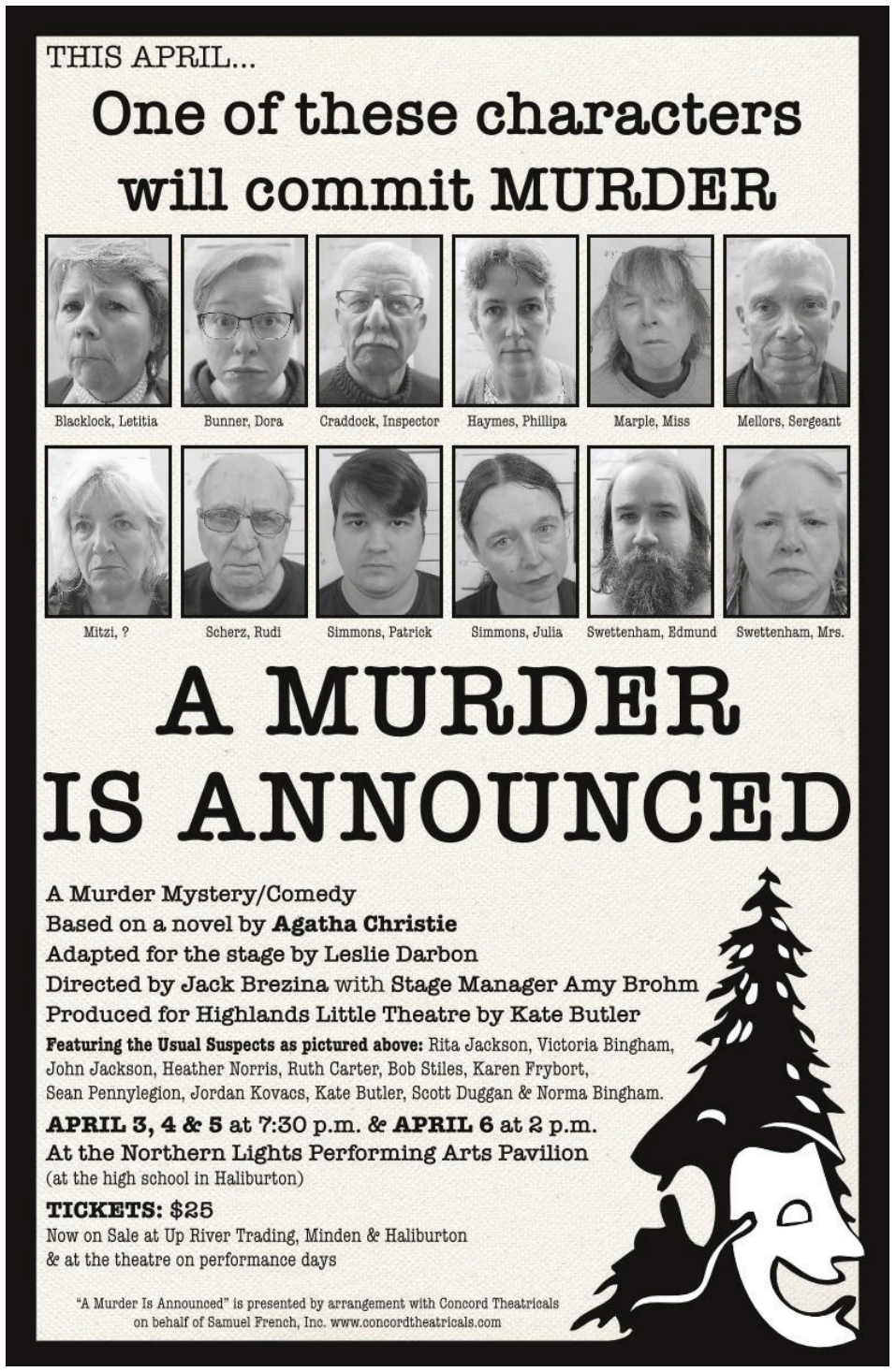
Bundled up

Over 40 braved the cold to participate in Places for People's Sleeping in Cars event in on Friday, Mar. 22 at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. Places for People is a county-wide not-for-profit organization which provides affordable rental housing in the Highlands. Sleeping in Cars aims to raise awareness of the high frequency of homelessness in Haliburton County. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*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Water rushes over the Canadian Shield in Algonquin Highlands. by Tammy Nash

Editorial

Water safety and safe water

vivian collings

THE HALIBURTON Highlands have over 500 lakes within 4,000 square kilometres.

This also means an abundance of rivers, ponds, and wetlands.

Only 2.5 per cent of the world's water is fresh, which feels a little difficult to imagine living here.

Head Lake fills the entire frame of my office window as I write.

It's hard to travel far in any direction in our county without hitting water.

Our roads twist and turn to avoid it, natural springs weave through forests and make it tricky to build, and basements flood this time of year.

These are "good" problems to have.

We're lucky.

According to World Vision, 703 million people worldwide don't have access to clean water.

And truly, that means a lot of responsibility for all of us - residents and visitors alike.

The health of the county's water is in our hands.

In addition to that, 500 lakes being used for recreation is a huge responsibility in itself.

As I watch Head Lake's ice diminish a little more everyday out my window, I can't help but think about the importance of safe water and water safety, especially for the upcoming tourism season.

The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations (CHA) is dedicated to protecting the health of the county's lakes.

They say septic systems, or faulty ones, are the main polluter of our lakes.

"Investing in your lake is priceless," says their website, www.cohpoa.org/protect-your-lake, which contains resources outlining how to ensure waterfront owners aren't adding to water pollution with septic systems.

They also provide information about shoreline protection, which are often called the "Ribbon of Life". Shorelines are natural filters, so the first step to a healthy lake is a shoreline operating to the best of its ability.

It goes without saying that reducing trash in our water systems avoids contaminants.

But here I am saying it, because there's always an excess of garbage at boat launches and public beaches.

Take your trash with you and dispose of it properly. The wildlife certainly doesn't appreciate it, and neither will you if garbage starts washing up on your shore.

This brings me to being safe on and around these huge bodies of water.

Water levels are high and flowing fast with melting ice and snow. It's best to stay away until deemed safe by local authorities.

It really won't be long now, and I'm just as eager to get back out there for the best time of year.

When the time comes, please, please, please ensure every person has a personal flotation device on a boat, canoe, kayak, personal watercraft, etcetera.

And don't drink and float.

Alcohol has no place on the water unless your feet are planted on a dock.

It's also important to note that canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards should be considered and avoided by all motorized vehicles. They're harder to see and obviously don't move as fast or with great force.

For the safety of ourselves and our beloved natural habitat, we all need to take all the steps we can to keep everyone safe where water's involved.

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Our road Down

sharon lynch

They come and they go

SHE HADN'T thought of Betty for years. But there she was, popping into Karen's head for no apparent reason.

It was a perfect evening for walking the dog and Karen was quite content to let Barney stop at every tree (well almost every one) for a sniff. A few clouds scuttled across the moon's face just to make it interesting while the tree tops nodded in agreement.

As they ambled along Karen cast her mind back to high school and her friendship with Betty. The two had stuck together like glue back then. Shared interests and compatible introverts, they could tell each other anything and know it would go no farther. But after high school they went their separate ways. Universities in different cities meant new friends and shifting interests.

Karen wondered if it would have been different had there been cell phones and social media back then. Was it really fifty years ago, she asked herself with a quiet shudder. Ships that pass in the night, she thought.

Then she was distracted by another dog walker headed her way. It was Sue with her German Shepherd Sam tugging on the leash. Of course Barney, a third the size, wanted to take Sam on as he raised his hackles and pulled furiously on his own leash. The two humans greeted each other as they passed while Barney continued to pull and Sam looked disdainfully at the small dog.

They walked on. Now that Karen had started down memory lane, she found herself thinking of other people who had passed through her life. There was Mary in Yellowknife who drove a dog sled, Trevor who played the guitar and worshipped at the altar of Gordon Lightfoot. Trevor had wanted to marry Karen and busk their way around the world. He would provide the music while Karen sang. He was convinced they would eventually be discovered, move to New York and become famous recording artists.

It didn't happen. But it was fun to imagine that kind of life.

So where were Mary and Trevor now, Karen wondered. She had tried searching on the internet but no luck. Maybe they're dead she mused, climbing the stairs to her back door. That thought brought a slight chill as it did whenever she contemplated subjects like aging, illness and all those inevitables.

Now Barney was sitting on the kitchen floor as he should, paw raised in a request for his dog treat. This always followed the night walk and if Karen didn't comply, Barney would follow her all around the house until she remembered.

She made herself a cup of tea and picked up a book she was reading. But her mind, once started down memory lane, didn't want to stop.

There was her favourite uncle who had stepped in when her dad had died. She had spent a summer at his farm and it had changed her life. That was when she had decided to leave the city and find her own small patch of the great Canadian wilderness. Uncle George had dropped dead of a heart attack twenty years ago and there were days when she really wished he was still around so she could share all the changes that happen in anyone's life.

Karen wondered if her old friends ever thought about her. And what would those thoughts be? Did they remember their past relationships in the same way as she? And of her current circle of friends, who would pass through her life and move on to new people and places?

The thoughts kept intruding until finally she put her book down, unable to focus on it. She sipped her tea and watched the flames in the woodstove. Barney was curled up on the old chair beside the stove. Karen doubted he considered anything other than meal time, walk time and snooze time.

Like one of those passing ships, she also would be moving on in the journey called life. No doubt there were still storms ahead. She would deal with them as they came, as best she could.

But the real question was what kind of harbour she'd find at the end of her travels.

points of view

Quest for fryer

steve galea

Loon Tales

Just when I thought we could not fit another appliance on our kitchen counter, Jenn went and bought me an air fryer. It was a nice birthday present and a very subtle way of telling me that I'm getting to the age where I cannot be trusted anywhere near an oven.

Honestly, I love the gift.

The concept of air frying fascinates me. Essentially, an air fryer utilizes the process of blowing hot air into a small chamber to create a fierce heat that could singe the eyebrows off of a gorilla.

I suspect the inventor was inspired by an overnight camping trip in a small tent with his fishing buddy. The difference is I wouldn't want to eat any food heated in such a tent. In fact, I think trips like these are the main reason why we hang our food bags high up a tree in the back country.

The air fryer I now possess is a lot more forgiving too. It makes meals easier to prepare, a little healthier, and quicker to make.

You can make all sorts of fancy foreign foods with one too.

For instance, the first meal I made was French fries – and they turned out magnifique.

Emboldened by that success, I then roasted a chicken – first, in a mean, comedic way – by insulting it for always wanting to cross the road, for being the thing everyone compares the taste of unknown meat to, and for being the poster animal for cowardice.

After that, I roasted it in the air fryer.

My air fryer roasted chicken was a hit too. It had a wonderful, crisp skin and was perfectly cooked – not too dry and not too moist. Clean up was a breeze too – mostly because Jenn insisted that I wear a bib.

But I'm going to be honest with you. No matter what culinary miracles this unit is capable of producing, French fries will be 90 percent of what I cook in it.

That's because, as Jenn says, I'm a simple man with simple tastes. OK, she never mentions the last part, but it is implied.

Plus, as she also points out, the fries I can make in this are healthier, since they require a minimal amount of oil, and the starch is soaked out of them before air frying. Which is great because I'm all about having healthier choices to put my gravy and ketchup on.

I guess the main thing is that I am now learning something new, which I will be able to apply to my day-to-day life. You see, I was almost totally unaware of the concept of air frying until this gift. But learning about it has provided me with a new level of security. Now, I know that if I have a bag of potatoes and a good blow dryer, I could survive almost anywhere that has access to a power receptacle – as well as ketchup and gravy.

Over the next little while, I'll be experimenting and using the complimentary on-line cookbook that came with the unit. I might even write a few recipes for it. They do seem to be missing a section on road kills.

But otherwise, that cook book is a great resource – and I believe it is going to up my culinary game. And, for once, I'm not just blowing hot air.

pic *of the* past

A view of Highland Street in Haliburton in the 1920s or 1930s with school children lined up under strings of banners. The purpose of the parade isn't known and it appears the woman on the left is organizing the children. Could she be a teacher? The building with the balcony on the left is the Grand Central Hotel. On the right is Gorrie's store, Mallard's boarding house, W.R. Curry's garage and William Nichol's pool room. This photo is courtesy of the Haliburton Highlands Museum's book, Haliburton: A History in Pictures, which offers that the parade could have been to mark Governor General Lord Willingdon's visit to Haliburton in 1930.

letters to the editor

CPP should avoid risk of stranded fossil fuel assets

To the Editor,

Mr. Love and Mr. Thibeault's recent letters to the editor spout fossil fuel industry talking points and claim that our Canada Pension Plan, heavily invested in fossil fuels and fossil fuel infrastructure, will not suffer when these investments become stranded assets. However, the head of the International Energy Agency warned last year that new fossil fuel projects are a "very unwise economic risk."

The United Nations Secretary-General, concurring with 11,000 scientists from 153 countries, says: "Every country, city, financial institution and company should adopt plans for transitioning to net zero emissions by 2050 and take decisive action now. It is time to phase out fossil fuel finance and end fossil fuel subsidies. It is time to integrate the goal of carbon neutrality into all economic and fiscal policies and decisions."

It is therefore imperative for our financial security in retirement that the Canada Pension Plan avoids the risks of stranded fossil fuel assets, stops building new oil and gas infrastructure and invests in the companies and industries that we can count on for a safe, affordable future on a planet on which we can survive.

I wonder where Mr. Love and Mr. Thibeault were this summer when smoke from wildfires raging across the nation clouded the air in Haliburton. Maybe they aren't aware that there is a direct relationship between the burning fossil fuels and the extreme weather events that are ruining lives and livelihoods, destroying forests and farmland. What good is a pension if the climate is so dangerous and unpredictable that we can't survive?

Susan Hay,
President, EH!

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Z9Works discusses AI for small businesses

THOMAS SMITH

Staff Reporter

Z9Works Inc. offered a workshop on applying technology to small businesses. Their talk began with a discussion of artificial intelligence and how people can streamline aspects of their small businesses on March 1.

"ChatPGT has been the name of the breakthrough AI that was released last year. Since then it has been bought over by Microsoft. It is an AI available to everybody," said Maria Zenina from Z9Works. "There is a Google version called Gemini. It is an artificial intelligence capable of generating new content."

"It is very very handy in your day-to-day work. It is a lot of fun to play with but it is also helpful in your day to day work. You can write job descriptions, summarize documents and create training materials."

You cannot rely 100 per cent on the answers it gives you. While it may sound like a professional, you do need professionals to verify the answers and you should be cautious with feeding it any personal information, said Zenina.

Business owners must heed caution though. Information that you feed the AI becomes a part of its pool and that information is no longer safe.

Oleg Zenine, owner of Z9Works Inc. demonstrated the use of ChatGPT to write a press release for a made-up product. Using specially worded prompts, ChaptGPT has the capabilities of generating a press release. It can add a flare, can edit the release to make it shorter, and add detailed descriptions that small business owners may find challenging.

In addition to using CHatGPT, ZPWorks Inc. demonstrated Bing's Image Creator. With a specific description of a made-up object of pine sap and apple juice in front of a backdrop of the Canadian wilderness, Imager Creator generated 4 images.

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Microsoft 365 and Google Workspace were also highlighted. Opportunities to create presentations, use emails, and have access to a variety of tools were shown in the presentation.

Using cloud services adds protection of data and the ability to add data on any device and the ability to work anywhere, says Zenina.

It is strongly advised that every employee has their own account and individualized access to various accounts. Small businesses should not give out sensitive passwords to employees that come and go, says Zenina.

While it may be costly to pay for multiple accounts for some services, it is highly recommended for businesses as they grow. While traditional security measures were all about video surveillance, the progress to digital data and storing in the cloud lets you not rely on hard drives or a tape.

Train your employees to properly dispose of sensitive documents, if there is any. In addition, locking your computer such as your cash register as you step away is advised, says Zenina.

"People can pay with their phones and you can accept payments on your phone. It›s gotten much, much easier to use the technologies out there to process payments," said Zenina.

Artificial intelligence is also currently being used with call centres, chatbots, voice assistance, and transcription services.

"You still need humans, and humans are really there to keep artificial intelligence in check and help train it," said Zenina. "Somebody needs to train that technology on what needs to be done, says Zenina."

Sometimes, AI can get off track or even 'hallucinate'. Recently Air Canada lost a lawsuit because their AI gave incorrect information about their bereavement policy.

The court ruled that they are still responsible for everything their chat bot generated, even if it contradicted their policies.

We have all likely experienced the frustration of reaching a computer-like voice when trying to speak with customer service.

"A lot of call centres are not implementing it properly and it looks really bad for the companies," said Zenina.

AI assistance is booming, but it is not quite there yet, says Zenina.

"People are afraid they're gonna lose their jobs, but that›s not true yet," said Zenina. "They can automate your manufacturing process, any logistical process, inventories, really everything for your business."

While historically they've been fairly expensive and difficult to implement, they have been getting easier and easier to implement with cloud services, says Zenina.

> ***"People are afraid they're gonna lose their jobs, but that's not true yet."***
>
> — Maria Zenina, Z9Works

With an ever-increasing reliance on technology, cybersecurity issues such as hacking, theft, and ransoming have become huge burdens to experience.

Z9Works Inc. recommends to always have separate accounts and login info for each employee, use password managers, backup data regularly, be vigilant with emails and texts, enable multi factor authentication when available, and be cautious of saved credentials on computers.

Recently, Zenine saw a password book for sale and Haliburton and says that they are a huge no-no. "You'll be giving the keys to your kingdom," explained Zenine.

Z9Works Inc. is a small business located in Haliburton and provides small business technology assessment services and consulting. They can provide a quote for their services that will depend on the size of your business.

Doc(k) Day presents the extraordinary

VIVIAN COLLINGS
Editor

The most inspiring stories to hear are the ones about ordinary people doing extraordinary acts to make the world a better place.

This will be the theme of this years Doc(k) Day presented by Those Other Movies on Saturday, April 13 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

Dubbed "Haliburton's Documentary Film Festival", organizers have hand-picked five documentaries to screen for the day-long movie marathon.

"All of them are about how quirky and passionate we all are as humans. Each one features different ordinary people doing something extraordinary," said Tammy Rea, one of the Doc(k) Day coordinators. "They will all have a special connection to Haliburton."

Rea has connected with individuals relevant to the films to speak during each screening.

Rea said they've sold around 100 passes so far.

"We're three quarters of the way to sold out. We're making sure we have passes available at the door before the very first movie starts in the morning," she said.

The day will start off with the emotional *The Last Repair Shop*, an Oscar-nominated short documentary about the importance of music in the lives of youth.

"This one makes me cry, in the best way," she said.

It details the one and only instrument repair shop that takes care of 80,000 instruments in Los Angeles which provides them to students for free through their public school system.

Although it's on a smaller scale, Haliburton County has a music repair and exchange program of its own.

Tom Oliver will be present to talk about the Haliburton Music Exchange as a special guest.

"This documentary really shows how these instrument fixers are changing people's lives," Rea said.

Next up is *A Human Picture*, a 17 minute documentary on the impact of the removal of Canada's Basic Income project on a select few families.

Rea said Those Other Movies had planned to show a documentary about basic income during the 2020 festival, but COVID-19 scratched the event.

"We had one scheduled about the basic income pilot that happened in Manitoba in the 70s, but between then and now, a basic income pilot happened in Ontario, so it's even more relevant to us now," Rea said.

The owners of Fresh Fuel in Lindsay will be present. They're a success story from the basic income project and will be bringing fresh lunches for those who signed up.

The next film was also chosen in 2019 by Lisa Kerr, a member of Those Other Movies who passed away in 2023.

"*Mr. Toilet* is a special one because Lisa loved it so much. It tells the story of a man who was a multi-millionaire, quit his job, and helped so many around the world by getting toilets to them," Rea said. "It's funny and passionate. It features a man who was so devoted to his cause."

Beatlemaniacs will want to be present for the fourth film.

Meeting the Beatles in India tells the story of Paul Saltzman.

He spent a week with the Beatles in India in 1968.

Yes, it's true.

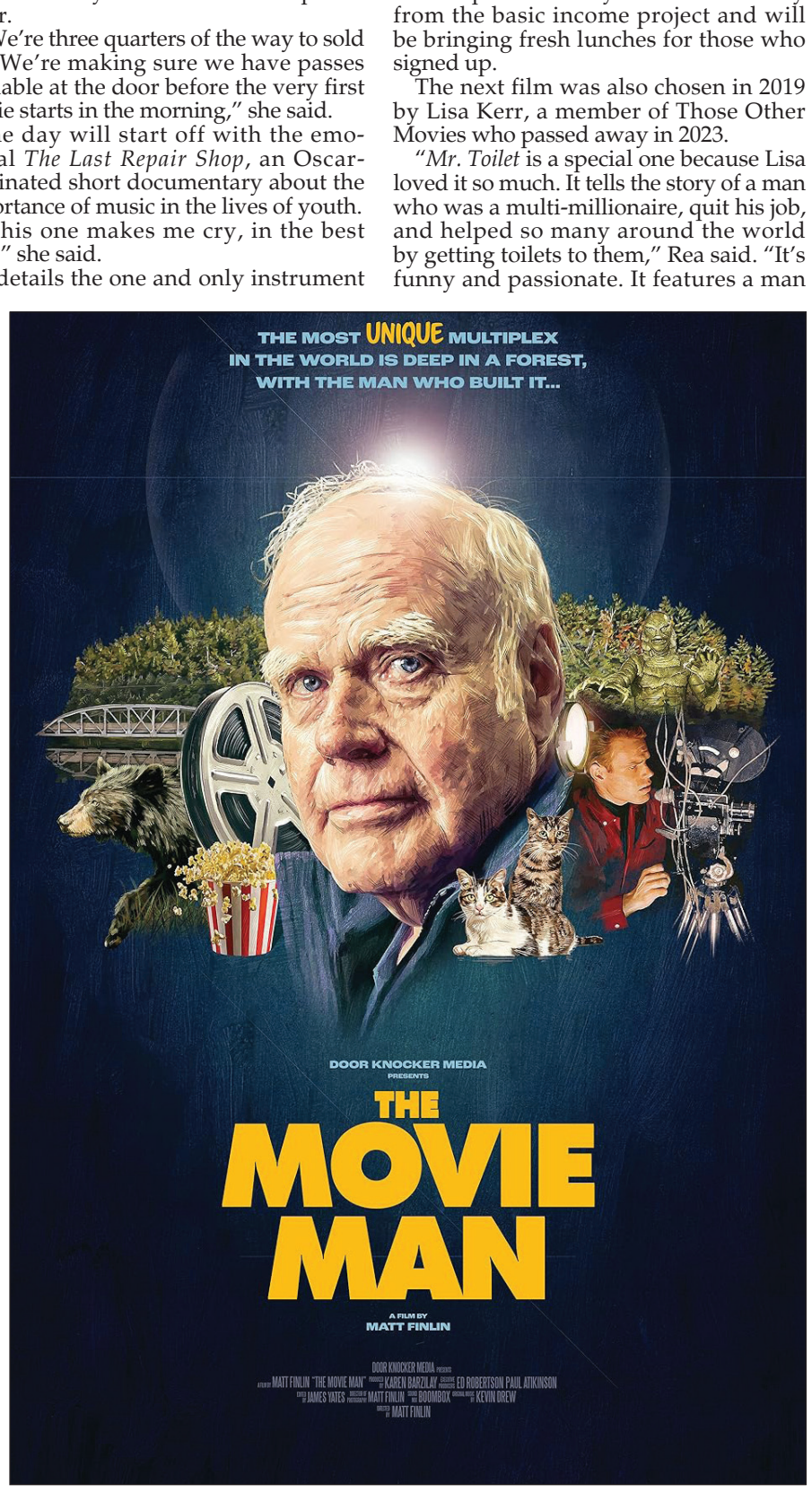
He was attending the same Ashrim as the Fab Four, unbeknownst to him until he arrived.

Satlzman will be at the screening to answer questions and share his story.

The festival is finishing with a screening of *The Movie Man* about the beloved Highlands Cinemas founder Keith Stata who will also be present.

"I watched The Movie Man premier last September, and we've been dying to play it since then," Rea said. "We've known about that movie for years, and are super excited to be able to screen it publicly."

Tickets for Doc(k) Day can be purchased on the morning-of before 10 a.m., or call Those Other Movies at 705-457-0428.



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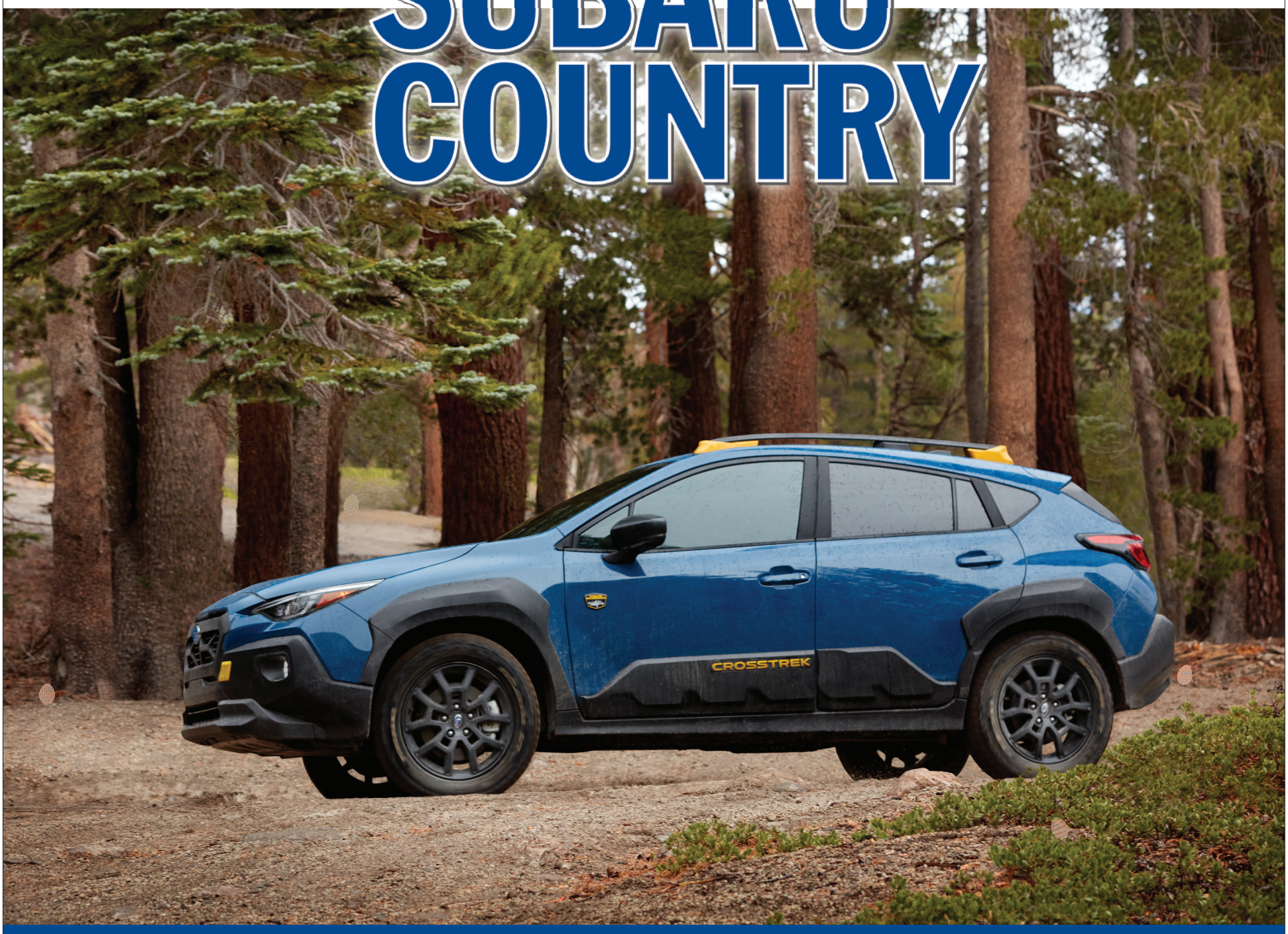

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A Murder is Announced

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This is a special program insert for Highlands Little Theatre

The Usual Suspects

The Usual Suspects: from left, front row; Norma Bingham, Ruth Carter, John Jackson, Back row; Victoria Bingham, Scotty Duggan, Jordan Kovacs, Kate Butler, Sean Pennylegion, Rita Jackson, Heather Norris, Karen Frybort. Missing (an APB has been issued) Bob Stiles.

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Young woman,
said to be excitingly beautiful, seeks companionship with mature man. Love. Marriage. Rolls-Royce owners only.

Obituary
We regret to announce the passing last Thursday, of Ebenezer George Periwinkle, surrounded by his friend. A man of strong beliefs and convictions whose motto in life was "pinch every penny and the dollars will look after themselves". A firm believer in the power of positive thinking, he never paid a cent in taxes and so, inevitably, believed he would live forever. Such is the folly of silly aphorisms.

Local Theatre Troupe
seeks actors of all genders for upcoming musical production. Must have dance training,comfortable on a high wire and with fire eating. Good sense of balance and eclectic appetite of value. Musical experience not essential. Also, dramatic director required. Must be able to leave well enough alone, polish gems, have first aid and fire extinguisher training. Sorry, no novices need apply. Also looking for actors with nice furniture we could borrow for the stage.

Judith: Don't despair.
Time heals all wounds, especially those inflicted by that cad. I really don't know why you put up with him for so long. You should have walked months ago, but oh no, you wouldn't listen to me, and now here you are with nothing to show for your troubles but a pile of empty shoes, shoes that are filled with the copious sorrows that was your life. Hopethis helps. Call if you need any more bucking up. JB

A Murder is Announced
and will take place on Friday the thirteenth, at Little Paddocks at 6:30 p.m. Friends please accept this, the only intimation.

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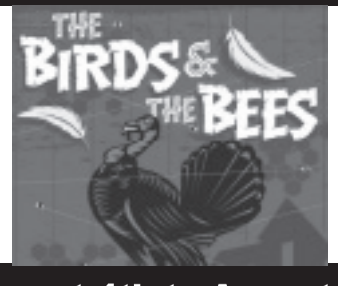

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Agatha Christie:

Agatha Christie is widely considered to be the Queen of the Golden Age of Detective Fiction. Born in Torquay, England in 1890, the knowledge she gained working in a dispensary during WWI inspired her to pen her first novel, *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*, which introduced one of her most famous sleuths, Hercule Poirot, to the world. In 1930, *The Murder at the Vicarage* brought Miss Jane Marple to life. Christie was a prolific writer, penning eighty crime novels and collections of short stories, as well as nineteen plays. Her books have sold over two billion copies worldwide, and she is often said to have been only outsold by the Bible and the works of William Shakespeare.

Christie's personal life was not without mystery. In 1926, when she was already a well-known author, she disappeared for eleven days. Her disappearance resulted in international headlines which captured the imaginations of readers. More than 1000 police officers and 15000 volunteers joined the search before she was eventually located at the Swan Hydropathic Hotel in Yorkshire, suffering from a loss of memory as to how she had come to be there. Speculation about the 'true story' of her disappearance has continued right up to the present day.

An avid traveller, Christie explored many parts of the globe, often in the company of her second husband, archaeologist, Max Mallowan. Her travels clearly influenced her writing, as such titles as Murder on the *Orient Express* and *Death on the Nile* can attest. (During her travels, she even became an accomplished surfer, at a time when few in Britain had even heard of the sport!) However, Christie found equal interest in the seemingly quiet corners of the English countryside and that's where we invite you to now join us - in the village of Chipping Cleghorn. We hope you enjoy unraveling the mystery of *A Murder Is Announced*!

A MURDER Is Announced

Based on a novel by **Agatha Christie**
Adapted for the stage by **Leslie Darbon**
Directed by **Jack Brezina**
Produced for Highlands Little Theatre by **Kate Butler**
Featuring the **Usual Suspects**

Time:
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takes place in the charming English Villlage of Chipping-Cleghorn in the late 1940s.

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The Cast

(In order of appearance)

Letitia Blacklock	RITA JACKSON
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Dora Bunner	VICTORIA BINGHAM
Patrick Simmons	JORDAN KOVACS
Mitzi	KAREN FRYBORT
Miss Marple	RUTH CARTER
Phillipa Haymes	HEATHER NORRIS
Mrs. Swettenham	NORMA BINGHAM
Edmund Swettenham	SCOTT DUGGAN
Rudi Scherz	SEAN PENNYLEGION
Inspector Craddock	JOHN JACKSON
Sergeant Mellors	BOB STILES

Creative Team

Director	JACK BREZINA
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Stage Manager	AMY BROHM
Lighting	CURTIS EASTMURE
Crew	PAUL VORVIS
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Set Builders, Movers	DAVID MILLS, NORRIS TURNER, & TOM FULLERTON
Costumes	AMY BROHM, SUE VORVIS, KAREN SIRIANNI, & GILL STEPHENS
Props	AMY BROHM, CAST & HSF

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What are you hiding?

Director's Notes

It is only human nature to keep some secrets to ourselves. Minor or surprisingly consequential, we all have closets in which we hide a few personal skeletons we would prefer to not share with the world.

In *A Murder Is Announced*, Agatha Christie has woven a tale in which just about every character is hiding something….a skeleton from their past or one recently created, each seems to be hiding something that he or she would prefer the rest of their world not know about. Such is the stew of plots and red herrings the author has strung together in this murder mystery, suitably infused with levity, feints and twists despite its serious story line.

Like any Christie novel, the characters do their best to keep their secrets under wraps and the audience guessing as to who-dun-it. We are delighted you have chosen to join us for this intriguing story and we invite you to play along. You will have received a "ballot" with your program on which you can indicate which character, you think, is committing murder most foul. Complete the form and drop it into the box in the lobby during the intermission. We'll separate the correct answers and before you leave the theatre one lucky entry will be drawn from the hat and that patron will receive a special prize.

It has been my pleasure to work with this dedicated and talented cast and crew as they unwrapped their characters to discover what mysteries are hidden their closets. Our hope is that you will be entertained and amused as the mystery unravels and all is revealed.

Jack Brezina,
Director

PS: When you encourage your friends and acquaintances to join us at subsequent performances, and we hope you do, please keep the solution of the mystery to yourself so as to not spoil their fun.

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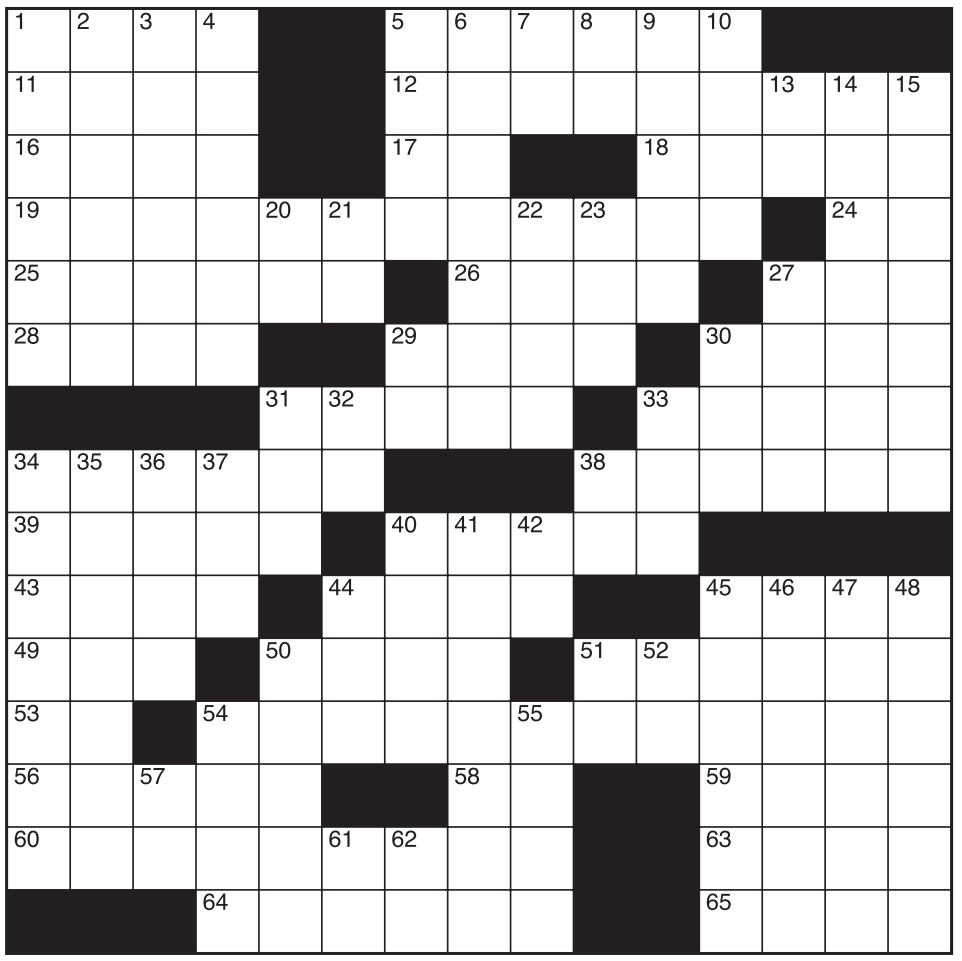

CLUES ACROSS
1. Database management system
5. Medical procedures
11. __ Clapton, musician
12. Defender
16. Exert oneself
17. Indicates position
18. Quay
19. Atrocities
24. A way to address an adult man
25. Ends
26. Unable
27. Taxi
28. Gratuities
29. A famous train station
30. Japanese persimmon
31. Sours
33. Beneficiary
34. Baseball official
38. Confused situation
39. Unworldly
40. Yemen capital
43. Type of soil
44. Beloved beverage __-Cola
45. Lying down
49. __ Angeles
50. Fail to amuse
51. Collapsible shelter
53. Commercial
54. Taste property
56. Lordship's jurisdictions
58. It cools your home
59. Dismounted
60. Charge in a court of law
63. One less than one
64. Spoke
65. Famed garden

CLUES DOWN
1. Show a picture of
2. Small sultanate
3. Unfortunate incident
4. A way to ski
5. Abba __, Israeli politician
6. Observed
7. "Westworld" actor Harris
8. Belonging to me
9. Shoelace tube
10. Takes to civil court
13. Early multimedia
14. Produces anew
15. Horse races
20. Of I
21. Equally
22. Changes color
23. A place to stay
27. Town in Galilee
29. Mathematical figure
30. Klingon character
31. They __
32. Atomic #58
33. Showed up extinct
34. Loosen grip
35. Unpleasant smell
36. Innermost membranes enveloping the brain
37. Esteemed college 'Òleague"
38. Partner to Pa
40. Small American rail
41. A salt or ester of acetic acid
42. Sodium
44. Military figure (abbr.)
45. Lighted
46. Paid to get out of jail
47. All of something
48. Ohio city
50. More abject
51. A radio band
52. Scientific development (abbr.)
54. Monetary unit
55. Scored perfectly
57. A punch to end a fight
61. The Golden State (abbr.)
62. The Beehive State (abbr.)

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Splish, splash

A skier skips across the pond on one leg during Sir Sam's Ski/Ride's famous Spring Splash event on Saturday, Mar. 23 to close out the 2024 ski season. /TIM TOFFLEMIRE Special to the *Echo*

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A young Spring Splash-goer poses for the camera in their costume.

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Food van project revolutionizes food distribution

BILL KILPATRICH
Staff Reporter

Tina Jackson, the executive director for the Central Food Network in Haliburton, says that by "reframing" her world view from a "scarcity" mindset that focuses on hoarding and protecting resources to an "abundance" mindset focused on sharing and cost sharing, it has made all the difference in the work that she does with local food banks. "When we are meeting with other food banks it's very easy to look at them as competitors for limited resources at this difficult time in food security," said Jackson who pointed out that there has definitely been a shift in donations and as a result many people are expected to do more with less. But, added Jackson, "the more that we can work together, the more that we can do more with less and support each other as we move through this difficult time. […] I really feel that our agency and our volunteers come at this work more from an abundance mindset of just trusting that if we all collectively work better together, we will have a bigger impact and things will show up when we need them. The best example I have of that is our recent purchase of a cargo van," said Jackson. "We thought, 'Oh my goodness, how are we ever going to come up with the money for this?' We moved forward trusting that the community would be there for us, and they were," she said. But like with many stories of this nature there were numerous twists and turns along the way.

The Central Food Network was incorporated in 2015 and brought together the Wilberforce Food Bank, the Cardiff Food Bank, and in 2016 Heat Bank Haliburton joined the network. Jackson explained that they have become a "multiservice organization" that does a lot more than just run a foodbank, but in the early days of the organization things were run like a traditional foodbank, and a big part of that is ensuring that there is enough food to meet the needs of the community. Ken Mott, the co-founder of the Wilberforce Food Bank, started to make connections with other food banks in the area and in some urban settings with the goal of meeting the ever-growing needs of the people the Central Food Network served. "We have very limited resources, being in a rural area," said Jackson, but due to Motts conversations some of the larger food banks began to offer them their surplus food. "When they would get larger corporate donations or donations through our provincial food bank network that they couldn't utilize, they would call him and say 'Hey, can you pick up a couple cases of this and a couple cases of that,'" said Jackson. This led Mott to making multiple trips per week to Peterborough and Lindsay to pick up food, but they did not have a company vehicle so he was using his personal vehicle.

Then in 2020 the Food Network's board of directors decided that they would purchase a vehicle for Mott to do his surplus runs, but they got more than they had bargained for. "We purchased an old beat-up pick-up truck, but it really limited our ability to pick up food based on weather as it was an uncovered pick-up truck," said Jackson, adding that the yearly repairs made it "so expensive to operate." After a couple years of struggling with the pickup truck the board decided that they needed to "up their game" recalled Jackson, "so we launched a capital campaign to purchase a cargo van." It was at this point that Jackson and the other board members had to test their abundance mindset and hope that the community would be there for them. The board estimated that it would take about a year to raise the necessary funds, but after just six weeks they had already raised $25,000, "Our community really came through for us," said Jackson.

In conjunction with the fundraising campaign the board also applied for a grant through the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Local Food Infrastructure Fund, but they didn't hear anything for some time, and they just assumed that they were not successful, but then the call came that were indeed successful. "Not only were we able to get the van, but we were able to put winter tires on the van too," said Jackson excitedly. The Central Food Network also received generous donations from the Rotary Club of Haliburton, along with proceeds from Canoe 100.9 FMs radio bingo, and from multiple private donors. In fact, the fundraising was so successful that they we able to purchase a pallet stacker as well. Now they can transport three, and sometimes more, full pallets of excess food donations that Jackson says would other wise go to waste. According to a press release from the Central Food Network, in the last seven months the Food Cargo Van project has transported "an astounding 105,619 lbs of food with an estimated value of $371,779. Additionally, it has facilitated over 40 deliveries to other local food banks, diversifying the food available for all members of the community." One of those beneficiaries is the North Hastings Community Cupboard who, along with the Minden Community Food Bank, often receives the overflow from Gleaners Food Bank in Belleville, who Jackson wants to thank for their ongoing generosity.

Jackson knows that many hands make light work and that none of this would be possible without assistance from the community, volunteers, and other food banks. "I really just have to give credit to our volunteers who absolutely go above and beyond to build relationships, capitalize on opportunities, and who are devoted to just bringing food to people who need it," stated Jackson who specifically centered Mott out as a "super volunteer." She said that not only is he the driver of the cargo van, but he is also the manager of the Highlands East Food Hub, "so, between helping coordinate volunteers to help staff our Wilberforce Food Bank, and making sometimes twice weekly trips to Peterborough, Belleville, and Lindsay, back and forth to Minden, Bancroft, and up until we got the pallet stacker it was literally hand bombing every case of food." Jackson also mentioned that Mott makes the most out of every trip, by cramming as much food as he can into the cargo van. "Every day I'm just really proud of the work that's being done," said Jackson.

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

DATE: Wednesday, April 10th, 2024
TIME: 11:00 am.
LOCATION: The Committee of Adjustment meeting will be held in the Council Chambers and electronically via Zoom.
The meeting will be live streamed to YouTube.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-2024-004 Gordon

- The following variance is requested to permit a decreased rear lot line setback for an attached garage/additional dwelling unit located on a lot in the R1 zone:

  a) A variance to section 5.2 to permit an attached garage/additional dwelling unit to have a minimum rear lot line setback of 6.8 metres (22.3 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 7.5 metres (24.6 feet).

- Location: Part Lot 15, Concession 8, Lot 29 and Part Lot 30, Plan 623, Part 1, Plan 19R-7008, in the Geographic Township of Dysart, in the Municipality of Dysart et al. Roll No. 012-000-04257

FOR MORE INFORMATION about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Deputy Secretary-Treasurer at ameijer@dysartetal.ca.

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by an agent for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence, and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept oral and written submissions.

A COPY OF THE DECISION will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary-Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, and electronic meeting process is available from the Planning and Land Information Department at the Municipal Office by appointment only (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Jeff Iles
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment

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Farewell to graduates

The Haliburton County Huskies' graduating players stand with their jerseys during their end of year awards banquet held at Mulligans in Minden. Pictured from left, Jack Staniland, Matt Milic, Aidan Yarde, Ian Phillips, Lucas Stevenson, Patrcik Saini, and Lucas Marshall. /Photos submitted

Jack Staniland was awarded with the Top Defenceman of the Year plaque, pictured with coach Ryan Ramsay.

Patrick Saini, the Huskies' team captain, was named playoff performer of the year, pictured with associate coach Matt Comand.

Noah Lodoen and Logan Kennedy, the Rooks of the Year, are pictured with Huskies president Paul Wilson.

The hardest worker award was given to Lucas Stevenson, Lucas Marshall, and Ty Petrou, pictured with assistant coach Owen Flood on right.

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Local homesteader envisions small scale family farms

THOMAS SMITH
Staff Reporter

Andrew von Zuben and son Auren stand proudly in their goat's pen. /THOMAS SMITH Staff

Andrew von Zuben has taught homesteading for years. In addition to sharing his knowledge, he has been an advisor for Harvest Haliburton, did talks for Haliburton County's homesteading group and was heavily involved with the Highlands East Environment Committee.

"When we came here, we were interested in camping and fishing and being in the outdoors, but not the homesteading," said Andrew von Zuben. "It's like how we all love the campfire. There's something genetically put into us as we became an agricultural society that we have this propensity for wanting to produce in our place and in our homes."

"I was in a position where I fell into it. I had the interest and it just happened organically and naturally. A lot of the people that we mentor and speak with are stuck in the city and they want out. Ninety five per cent of people who are homesteading had a moment when they realized that they didn't like how they were living. Their lifestyle wasn't fulfilling and it was against their personal nature and they needed to do something different."

Von Zuben wanted to move away from the city and live in a more natural way. He was sick of the hedonistic desires of the rich and wanted to create a life in which he could sustain himself and his family.

"It took me four years before I was able to leave my job and homestead full time," said von Zuben.

We're pretty gentle environmentally speaking," said von Zuben. "You can poke holes into anything. If we wanted to be completely living within nature and not imposing ourselves on the landscape, we can't even grow food. We need the fuel to stay warm in the winter."

"So far, my kids are happy with how we live. My son, he's in charge of the woodlot because we're on a managed forest here. The girls are responsible for the animals and make sure all the animals are cared for. Make sure they have food, water, love, everything they'll need."

"We've tried a bunch of different homesteading things here. Not everything has worked out, but we're continuing to try."

"Homesteading gives you a foundation of food and shelter. From that base, you can become self-employed and generate the income you need."

"That's the attraction to homesteading. You can make something great from something cheap." Von Zuben does not expect his kids to ever want to move to the city. Their family's diet consists primarily of chicken grown and harvested on their property and is supplemented by purchased vegetables, a friend's beef farm, and locally caught fish.

"We eat four chickens a week. Even if we had all the money in the world, I couldn't buy those chickens because no one is making what we produce."

"I lost my wife three years ago to cancer and we're in recovery mode now. We did have gardens, but that was my wife's job and so we don't have a garden right now. The kids aren't super fussy on vegetables so they could eat nothing but chicken and the bread that I make. We eat everything from scratch."

Von Zuben also emphasized the number of eggs his family consumes.

"For me to work as well as make food, I have to make sacrifices. I can't do all gourmet food in the kitchen all the time and still do work out here."

"No allergies, no food sensitivities, and the meat that we eat, a lot of vegans would eat. A lot of that crowd, the reason they don't eat meat, is for ethical reasons. My feed isn't even coming from far away, I know how far it is coming. We eat food that we consider is ethical, we can buy in bulk to be more economical, buy in bulk, so we can store it a long time, and we eat food that is extremely nutritious so it's all organic and it's all from scratch."

"We're focusing on food that they love that can help us grow, so it's high protein, high protein, high protein."

"We make a fair bit of money selling a premium quality chicken and we've been doing it for over 10 years. We've got lots of customers and we always sell out."

"You've gotta know that you're up to that level of commitment and have a bit of a plan," says von Zuben. "Experimenting is expensive."

"When I teach homesteading, it is more about the mindset. Even if you have a little property you can do quite a lot."

"We've always wanted to teach and we have in the past. Now insurance isn›t allowing us to do that in the moment," says von Zuben.

In the past, von Zuben and his family have offered a variety of classes on homesteading and small engine repair, but due to societal increase in lawsuits, it has been difficult to get insurance.

"I would like to go back to the events next year. I don't think the kids want to do events necessarily but they're a great way of meeting people. We talk about homesteading and I get paid for it and my overhead is super low and I get to meet people all the time, it's a great business. I'd love to get back to that."

Despite the desire for culinary and agricultural exploration, insurance costs are becoming too steep to run many interesting events, says von Zuben.

"Our leadership, our elders, the people that have the most experience, the most wealth, and the most potential, are the people holding everything back from change currently," says von Zuben.

"My vision is seeing a lot more homesteading, like a small scale diverse family farm. It didn't feed a lot of people, but it fed the family and maybe three other families. That would wrap up the food supply."

"Land not being suitable doesn't mean we can't grow food, we just can't do it in a mechanized, commodified way."

While not being able to grow a field of peppers, homesteaders in Haliburton County can be successful after they learn what can be grown in the soil, says von Zuben.

"This is a multi-generational project. You need to have that vision and people always did. They always had that vision, that long term vision and that's why I get so upset about the leadership community, when it's about now and it's about me," says von Zuben. "No, it's absolutely not. You give yourself up for the next generation so that they can thrive and they do the same thing. If you are selfish, you stop. All the actions we take are on a multi generational plan. It's for their kids and their kids."

"For my generation, it's a matter of picking back up where we left off two generations ago. Reaccumulating the tools,resources, skills, knowledge, and experience, and trying stuff out and failing and things not working out, trying to see what works so our kids have a head start."

Despite a plethora of eggs and chicken, von Zuben's son Auren says he never gets sick of either.

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Deer Lake, Essonville, Gooderham, McGillivray and South Wilberforce Cemeteries

The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East is submitting a Bylaw to the Registrar of the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 that will repeal and replace Bylaw #2015-18, being a Bylaw to regulate cemeteries in the Municipality of Highlands East.

Any interested parties may contact the Municipal Clerk for more information or to receive a copy of the proposed bylaw:

Municipal Clerk, Robyn Rogers
2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce, ON
K0M 2K0, 705-448-2981 ext. 422
rrogers@highlandseast.ca

The Bylaw may be inspected or copies provided by visiting the Municipal Office at 2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce.

The proposed Bylaw will also be available on the Municipal website at www.highlandseast.ca

The Bylaw is subject to the approval of the Registrar, Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002. Bereavement Authority of Ontario, 647-483-2645 or 1-844-493-6356.

Dated March 18, 2024
Robyn Rogers, Municipal Clerk

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Onondaga Camp, Minden, seeks

Maintenance Assistant
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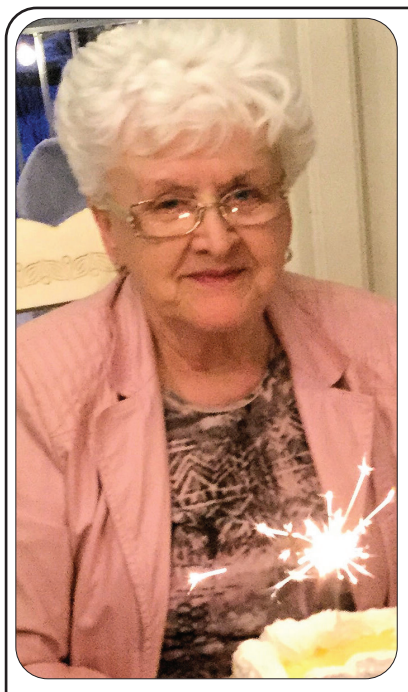

Marie Whitfield

Resident of Haliburton, Ontario

Peacefully passed away at Highland Wood in Haliburton on Saturday, March 16, 2024, in her 83rd year. Cherished daughter of Winnifred (nee Gainforth) and Norman Cowen. Beloved wife of Adrian Whitfield. Loving mother of Jeff, Liane (Cleve), and Sean. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren, Paige, Preston (Erin), Renae (Codi), Kirsten (John), and many of her nieces and nephews. Lovingly remembered by her sister, Marlene Lavallee (Cowen). Predeceased by her brothers Arnold Cowen, Lloyd Cowen, and Ross Cowen.

Celebration of Life

A celebration of Marie's life will be held in the spring. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton 4C's - Food Bank, Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (Highland Wood), or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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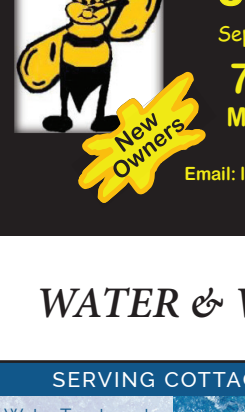

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Quiet Cardiff townsite built to handle a boom

When the mines closed, houses sold for 'retirement' community

Sign tells of Cardiff townsite attractions

by Sue Cooper

Way over in the eastern reaches of Haliburton County exists a small community. Although the history of the Improvement District of Bicroft has been very shortlived, it contains tales that have been unprecedented in any other part of the county.

The area, bounded on one side by the county of Hastings, has seen times when money was no object and other times when near depression-like conditions existed.

In 1953, the townsite of Cardiff, along with Bicroft Heights and Dyno Estates, was established after uranium was found in the vicinity.

By 1955 Bicroft Uranium Mines was acquiring land along the Monck Road for the construction of over 100 homes for mine employees.

The following year, construction of the homes began with the help of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). Fifty more houses were added to the original plan to make room for the employees of the Dyno mine and by the end of construction about 200 homes had sprung up where once nothing had existed.

With this great influx of relatively young families the province saw fit to build a public school in the community and demand was so great that an addition was built the following year.

The first improvement district came into being in 1956 but at that time the entire Cardiff Township was included.

With the designation of the area by the Ontario Municipal Board, a three member board of trustees was appointed to look after the district's business.

As the production of the mines started to slow, the area was reduced from the original 73,229 acres to the present 7,971 acres. As of 1978, 5,871 acres were patented land and 2,100 acres owned by the crown.

In 1959, one of the first nearly fatal blows came when the Dyno mine closed and subsequently many of the miners moved on, leaving many of the staff houses vacant. In 1960 some of these houses were advertised and many on the premise that the area would be an excellent retirement community.

By 1962, production at the Bicroft mine was starting to decrease and within a year the layoffs began.

With such a large part of the community being up for sale, CMHC contacted Bowes and Cocks Realty to act as the official agent for the transactions.

Apparently at one point, according to the present secretary-treasurer Sandra McColl, the group thought that it might be the best solution just to tear the houses down and move them to Peterborough. But since all the lots were already serviced with central water and sewers and the foundations would have been wasted, the project was scrapped as being too costly.

So, the greatest real estate sale of the century in Haliburton County came into being.

'They came from the prairies'

The sales campaign incorporated a nation-wide advertising plan as well as labelling the houses as the ideal retirement homes.

Gord Wainwright, now the manager of Bowes and Cocks' Bancroft branch, was a salesman at the big sale on May 9 and 10, 1964.

"I sold people homes from all over the country. They came all the way from the prairies. One family came with half their furniture on a pickup truck and I had to store it in my basement until they could move into their new home," Wainwright said.

As a part of the bargain, new homeowners were given a free helicopter ride and a new rocking chair for their home.

"It was quite a ceremony that day," Wainwright

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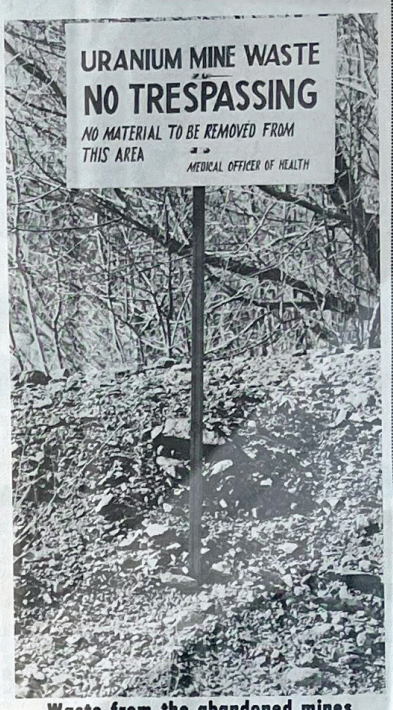

Waste from the abandoned mines

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Big Brothers group official, push begins for little brothers

The Haliburton County Big Brothers organization is looking for little brothers to take part in its matching program.

Al Oakley, president of the recently formed organization, said Monday that he wants to hear from mothers who felt their sons could benefit from a Big Brother program. Once names are received, the process of screening and matching Big Brothers with compatible "Little Brothers" can begin.

A screening and matching committee, under the direction of Dr. Blair Pierce of Haliburton, has been set up to perform the task on an ongoing basis.

Interest in a Big Brothers organization in Haliburton County surfaced last fall. Since then, the group has met to adopt a constitution under the banner of the national Big Brothers organization, and is incorporating as a registered charity.

Purpose of Big Brothers is to help fatherless boys between the ages of six and 16 through the companionship of an adult male. Big Brothers are carefully screened as to their backgrounds, beliefs, interests and attitudes, and not everyone who applies to be a Big Brother will be found suitable by the committee. Those who are will be matched up with a "Little Brother", who is also carefully selected. Although the matched pair remain under the guidance of the local organization, each Big Brother/Little Brother pair is on their own for much of the time. The Big Brother simply makes a commitment to share a part of his week with the youngster. Usually, they are together about four hours a week. The idea is not to entertain the youngster, but simply to allow him to share a part of the day with an older man.

Matchups usually last two years, but shorter and longer periods are also possible.

Organization president Al Oakley said Monday that a number of mothers have already indicated to the committee that their sons might benefit from the program, but

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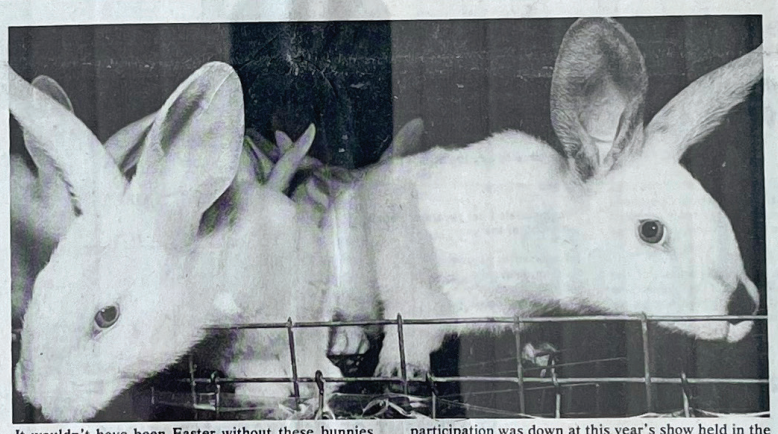

It wouldn't have been Easter without these bunnies that made their appearance at the Farm and Home Show in Wilberforce this weekend. Unfortunately participation was down at this year's show held in the Monmouth arena.

Carnarvon merchants seek board of trade

by Sue Cooper

Carnarvon merchants are making a serious effort at organizing a board of trade for their specific area.

Well, perhaps it is not really all that serious.

As a matter of fact, the newly-formed group has decided to take things rather light-heartedly. This is evident in the zany press releases sent out naming Ms. Lotta Gutz as temporary Mayor of Carnarvon and its equally zany name of the Metropolitan Carnarvon Board of Trade and Wine Tasting Society.

"It is a serious attempt at getting an advertising vehicle for this specific area... in a lighthearted way," Ali Hogg told The Echo on Monday.

Hogg is acting as temporary chairman and her team of Bob Jennings, Sandy Lane Resort, Jim McLean, Air Haliburton, and Bob Mann, Highlands Printing, have laid out the ground work for the project.

All of their ideas and decisions will be presented to the area merchants, of which there are 50, at a gathering next Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Foggy Bottom "near the heart of beautiful midtown Carnarvon."

Apparently, according to Hogg, the main advertising vehicle for area businesses will be the soon-to-be-published 'Carnarvon Cliff-hanger'.

All business people in the Metropolitan Carnarvon area, which includes north to Hawk Lake, south taking in a fair chunk of Blairhampton, west to the far shores of Brady Lake and east to Maple

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Parked cars get worst of damage

Parked cars got the worst of the damage in three of the five accidents investigated by Minden OPP over the past week.

A parked car was heavily damaged last Monday when

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It's gone again!

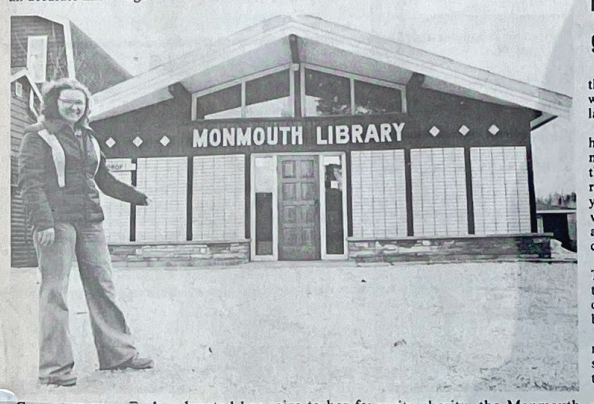
Thieves steal gun from cenotaph

For at least the second time in recent memory, a thief or thieves have made off with a machine gun from the Haliburton cenotaph grounds.

Theft of the gun occurred sometime between March 29 and March 31.

Police say they have only a vague description of the gun, and are asking anyone with an accurate knowledge of its type, calibre and other details to contact the investigating officer, P/C Bill Clendenning at the Minden OPP detachment.

The gun was also stolen August 23, 1973. Several months later it was recovered from the side of a road near Kirkfield and returned to the Haliburton cenotaph.



Councillor Mary Barker donated her raise to her favourite charity, the Monmouth Library. The funds will be used for the purchase of books.

Warm weather hurts syrup producers

Maple syrup production is down this year and the weather seems to be the scapegoat according to area producers.

Wally Crofts, from the Iron Kettle, on Lake Kashagawigamog, said on Monday that the weather was definitely to blame.

"Not enough storms," he said, explaining that Haliburton County had been a calm area this spring. Colder nights were needed to make the sap run better.

He also suggested that the excessive amount of frost in the ground this spring could be a contributing factor.

"The roots can't absorb the moisture," he added.

George Burley, of Maple Lake, agreed with Crofts.

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Voted 'nay' to raise, councillor gives it away

Mary Barker may be one of the few government officials who actually believes in the laws of economic restraint.

Barker, currently serving her second term on Monmouth council, voted recently that councillors should not receive a raise in pay this year. She registered a "nay" vote, but the raise was approved by the rest of council.

When council met last Thursday evening, Barker took her raise and handed it over to the Monmouth Library.

"I didn't feel the raise was necessary, so I didn't feel I should take it," Barker told the Echo Saturday.

After donating the $100 to the library she asked only that

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Higher education: the library way

by Len Pizzey

Stan McDougall likes to think of them as just about the only place in Haliburton County where an adult can continue his or her education.

To emphasize the point, he stresses that millions of dollars are spent to educate students up to the age of about 18. While some choose to go on to college and university, the majority head out to look for jobs. Does that mean the educational process just stops? It doesn't have to, as long as a student keeps reading. And that's where local libraries come in. They are the most convenient and least expensive source of reading material there is. They contain information on a surprisingly wide range of subjects. And if they don't have the book you want, they can usually get it, either from another area library, the national library, or from libraries around the world.

Yet, McDougall estimates, only about 30 percent of the local population visits any of the county's ten libraries even once a year. The rest either never read a book, or buy American paperbacks from local drug stores. As the county's librarian, Stan McDougall would like to see that situation change.

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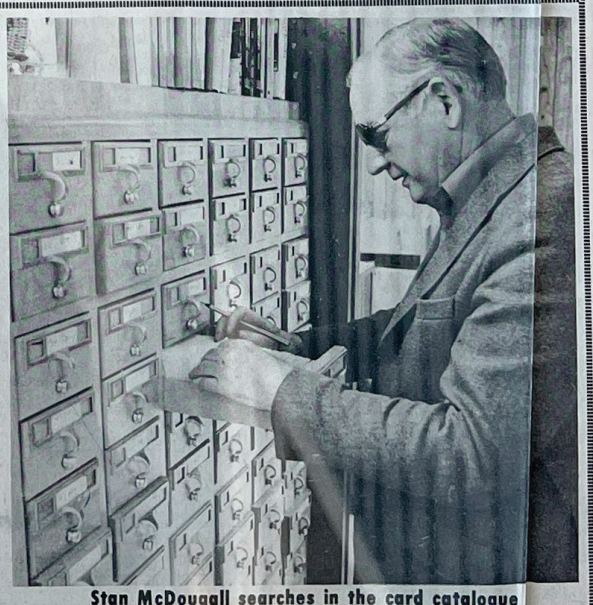

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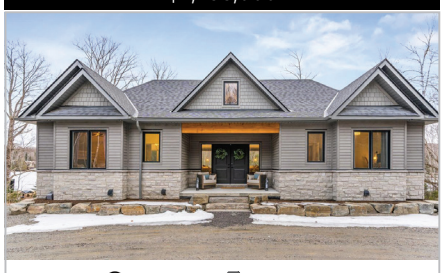

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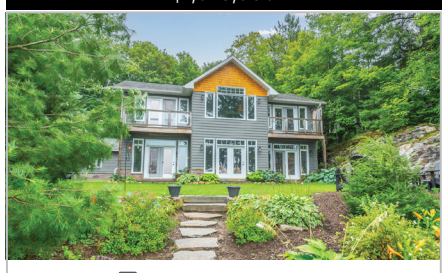

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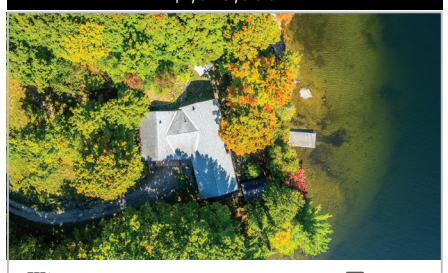

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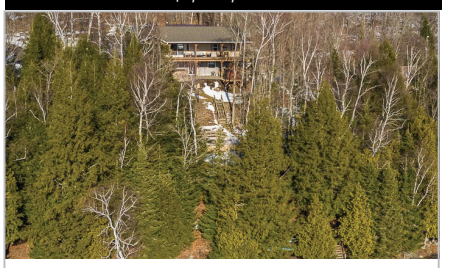

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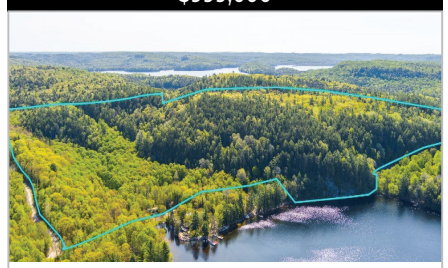

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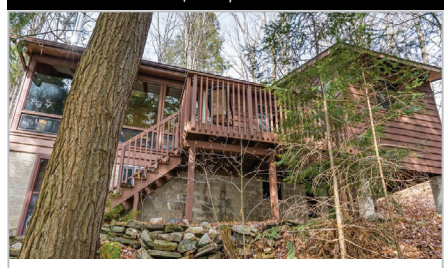

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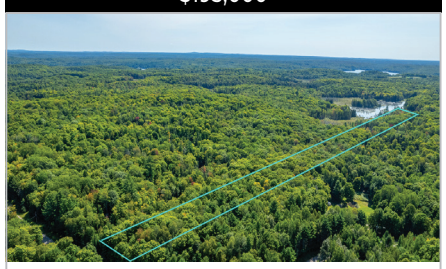

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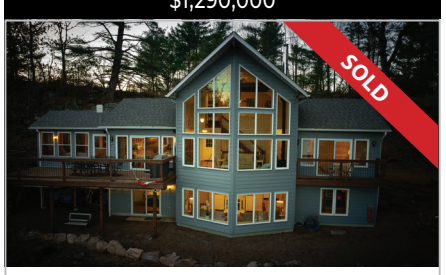

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